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TO : DIAXX, DIAAQ, DIAST, DIARD, DIAAP

DATE: 28 JUL 1965

FROM : DIAAP-

SUBJECT: Report of Special Conference Concerning Intelligence Acquisition (U)

1. (C) At 1500 hours 26 July a conference was called and chaired by Assistant Director for Processing, DIA. Representatives from the following agencies attended the conference:

CIA	DIAXX	DIAAP-C
NSA	DIAAP-1K	J3, JCS
NPIC	DIAS	J5, JCS
JRC	DIAAQ	

(The Director, DIA later joined the meeting)

2. (TS) Assistant Director for Processing, DIA stated that the purpose of the conference was to discuss the impact that operational SAMs in the Hanoi area will have on US collection capabilities; the restrictions that this threat may impose; and, what additional or new actions must be taken to maintain and improve the collection efforts. Of prime concern is the anticipation of coming and increasing pressures from OSD and JCS for even more rapid intelligence and input to policy papers. CINCPAC was singled out as a priority, major command that must be provided with additional help in response to requirements.

3. (TS) The Assistant Director emphasized that it can no longer be assumed that we can strike against fixed SAM sites, but we must be prepared to attack mobile sites, employing search and hit tactics. Therefore, the collection effort must be characterized by more rapid readout and reporting. The technical areas to be closely examined and developed are PHOTINT, COMINT and ELINT. However, the collection, security and operational efforts will be greatly enhanced by a careful determination of those areas where SAMs most likely could be deployed, e.g., along LOCs that offer fair to good road surfaces and along rail lines.

4. (S) To focus attention upon requirements, the following questions were presented in summary with the request that agency representatives provide inputs to bring about a solution as to how the present Tactical Intelligence Program could be strengthened.

a. Now that SAMs are operational in NVN, what must we do to enhance the intelligence picture?

b. In what manner do operational SAMs degrade our collection effort?



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c. What additional or new intelligence requirements do operational SAMs generate?

5. (TS) CIA representative commented upon the translation of recently acquired Soviet handbook for SA-2 missiles. A DIA message, dated 25 July, forwarded a synopsis of the handbook to major commands and intelligence agencies. A copy of the message was available at the conference and reviewed by Director, DIA. Request was made that full translation of the handbook be expedited to all intelligence agencies and major commands.

6. (TS) Director, DIA stated that as a result of an earlier conference with the DCI, it was concluded to be of paramount importance that from the national level the maximum potential be exerted to locate fixed and mobile SAMs in NVN. Coupled with the foregoing must be execution of timely tactical exploitation. The Director, DIA expressed hope to get concrete suggestions. He emphasized that there are no ready-made solutions and recent developments present a community problem of higher significance.

7. (TS) The Assistant Director for Processing was called briefly from the meeting by the Chairman, JCS and requested to consider three related questions during the discussion:

a. What intelligence on the SA-2 sites can we acquire if we do not fly over areas where SA-2s are suspected of being deployed?

b. What improvements in techniques are there for countering or discovering the new SAM sites that the Chairman, JCS may not be aware of?

c. What is the handbook that has been recently acquired which may simplify the problem of neutralizing the SAMs? (See para 5 above).

The Chairman was given preliminary answer to these questions following the meeting and will be given a more complete reply as additional information becomes available.

8. (TS) After discussion by representatives of all agencies present, the following courses of action were verbally tabled as ones which would further strengthen and expand the program: (agency having primary interest shown in parenthesis)

a. Studies prepared to show most likely areas of deployment of SAMs. (DIAAP-CIA)

b. Program the cutting of LOCs into NVN over which SAM components may be moved. (DIAAP-J3)

c. Increase Queen Bee Delta aircraft from present two to four or five. (DIAAQ-J3-JRC-NSA)

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d. Recently inaugurated plan for close tactical COMINT support expanded to include ELINT. (DIAAP-NSA)

e. Ultimate goal of c, ^{and} d, ~~and~~ above to provide daily ELINT coverage, on 24-hour basis if possible. (DIAAQ-JRC-NSA)

f. Movement of SAC MOBILE PHOTINT center from Omaha to Tan Son Nhut Airfield. (DIAXX-J3-JRC)

g. Make RB66 aircraft available to accompany strike aircraft and operate in ELINT collection or jamming mode as required. (DIAAQ-JRC)

h. Improve command and support communications by augmenting field echelons to expedite field readout to NMCC and to Air Force and Navy Command Posts. (DIAAQ-NSA-DIAXX-JRC)

i. Review the R & D efforts for the past six to seven years to determine if any proposals of possible value in the present situation have been overlooked or set aside. Areas of PHOTINT (240 mm camera) and SIGINT emphasized. (DIARD-DIAAQ-JRC)

j. Focus attention on developments to obtain ELINT on "backsplash" or "back azimuth emissions" of north-oriented radar. (DIAAQ-DIARD-DIAST)

k. Pursue efforts to stimulate SAM radar by use of drones, balloons, etc. (DIAAQ-J3-JRC-NSA)

l. Pursue efforts to stimulate or locate SAM radar by human source. (DIAAQ-CIA)

m. Use of low level photo recce north of 21°. (DIAAQ-J3-JRC)

n. Expedite translation of Soviet handbook on SA-2 missile and transmission to intelligence agencies and major commands. (DIAST)

9. (S) Conference concluded with acknowledgements for outstanding degree of coordination and support to FEATF exhibited on 24-25 July by all Washington intelligence agencies concerned with the F4C and drone shoot downs.

10. (U) It is requested that action addressees provide progress reports on courses of action identified in paragraph 8 by 6 August to Director, DIA ATTN: DIAAP-C.

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